

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

September 2026

Season of Creation (VA) 9/1 – 10/4

Hunger Action Month (Feeding America)

Suicide Prevention Month (USA)



1 **World Day of Prayer for the Earth (VA) Theme: “Living Water” Ez. 47:1-12:** We pray with gratitude for the earth and for the will to conserve Earth’s resources.

We pray for Harold Gene Lucas scheduled for execution in Florida, the victims and their families.



2 **World War II ends in 1945:** We pray for peace today especially in Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine

3 **Feast of Pope St. Gregory the Great Patron of Musicians, Teachers & Students:**
We pray for Musicians, Teachers and Students



62nd Anniversary of the Wilderness Protection Act

1st Friday Pray and Act against the Death Penalty (CMN): We pray for the end of death penalty in the world

Hindu Feast of Janmashtami, birth of Krishna:
We pray for tolerance among religions



4 **Feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata International Day of Charity (UN):** We pray for those who share their resources and time with those in need and the Missionaries of Charity, “Peace begins with a smile.” - St. Teresa

International Day of the World’s Indigenous Women & Girls (UN): We pray for

the Indigenous people of the World

World First USA Continental Congress convenes in 1774

- 5 “Let us pray for a Just and Sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.” - **Pope Leo XIV Monthly Intention**
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- 6 **Labor Day (USA):** We prayer for workers, especially those who are underpaid and not respected

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (UN)

International Day of Police Cooperation (UN)

We pray for the enforcement of the Clean Air Act and improved police relationships

- 7 **Feast of Mary's Birth**

International Literacy Day (UN): We pray for those who lack literacy skills and an increase of teachers

- 8 **Feast of St. Peter**

Claver Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities (USCCB): We pray for the end of violence in our communities and racist words and actions

- 9 **National Suicide Prevention Day (USA), Theme: Changing the Narrative on Suicide:** We pray for those contemplating suicide, especially those serving in the military

We pray for Daniel Owen Conahan Jr. scheduled for execution, the victims and their families

10 **Patriot Day of Service and Remembrance:** We pray for all those affected by the attacks of 9/11/01

Jewish Feast of Rosh Hashanah begins the New Year 5787: We pray for Peace in Israel

11 **Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary**

International Day for South-South Cooperation (UN): We pray for the peoples of the Global South

12 **Grandparents Day (USA):** We pray for grandparents particularly those caring for their Grandchildren

Attica Prison Revolt in 1971 (46 killed): We pray for the imprisoned

13 **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross**

We pray for the more than 42 million Americans who are experiencing food insecurity (Feeding America)

14 **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**

International Day of Democracy (UN): We pray that all Democratic Countries Governments ensure all citizens & visitors their basic Human Rights

Sept. 15 – Oct. 16

Hispanic American Heritage Month: We pray with gratitude for the contributions to the American Culture and Society by Hispanic Americans

15 **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone (UN):** We pray that governments and individuals work together to conserve the Ozone Layer

Mexican Independence Day: We pray for the Mexican People

International Day of Science, Technology, Innovation for the South (UN)

We pray for La James Norman scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims and families

16 Feast of Hildegard of Bingen

USA Constitution Day (Delegates signed the constitution in 1787)

Frances Warde RSM dies, 1884 (First Mercy USA Founder)

World Patient Safety Day (WHO): We pray for women in leadership roles in Church and Society, those who carry on the Mercy Charism, and for patient safety

USA Hunger Awareness Day: We pray for the food insecure

We pray for Jeffrey Lee scheduled for execution in Alabama, the victim and families

17 International Equal Pay Day (UN): We pray for equal pay for equivalent work for all people

18 We pray for the repose of the souls of Dominick Anthony Occhicone Jr., Carlos Cuests-Rodriquez, Jeremy Williams, executed in the USA last month

19 Catechetical Sunday Theme: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor, Lk 4:18: We pray for all those involved in the Catechetical Programs

20 - 27 National Migration Week (USCCB), Theme: Even Just One of These Children, Matt 18:5: We pray for migrants, immigrants and refugees

21 Jewish Feast of Yom Kippur

International Day of Peace (UN) Theme: Invest in Peace for Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday: We pray for World Peace

22 Autumn begins

World Car Free Day (Give up your car for a day?)

We pray for a good Harvest

23 Feast of St. Padre Pio, patron of civil defense, volunteers, teenagers: We pray for civil defense persons, teenagers and volunteers

International Day of Sign Language (UN)

We pray for Ker'Sean Olajuwa Ramey scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims and families

24 Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Happy Mercy Day!

First House of Mercy in Dublin in 1827: We pray for all who carry on the Mercy Charism around the World!

25 Feast of St. Cosmas and Damian

Jewish Feast of Sukkot

Moon Festival in China & Vietnam

We pray for Health Care Workers, Jewish, Chinese and Vietnamese Peoples

26 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (VA): We pray for migrants and refugees

27 Priesthood Sunday: We pray for Priests and Deacons

28 Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, first Filipino Saint: We pray for the people of the Philippines

International Day for the Universal Access to Information (UN)

29 Feasts of Archangels Gabriel, Michael and Raphael

Birth of Catherine McAuley RSM (1778-1841), Founder of the Sisters of Mercy

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (UN)

We pray for an increase of women in Leadership roles in Church and Society

30 Feast of St. Jerome

We pray for Christa Pike scheduled for execution in Tennessee, the victims and families

World Maritime Day (UN): We pray for the safety and wellbeing of seafarers

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